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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Noboru Iwayama, et al.

Serial No. 09/656,418

Group Art Unit: 2143

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on Saturday, February 21, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

S&H Form: (10/03) Attorney Docket No. 1405.1025 Application Number 09/656,418 REPLY/AMENDMENT Filing Date September 6, 2000 FEE TRANSMITTAL First Named Inventor Noboru Iwayama, et al. Group Art Unit 2143 AMOUNT ENCLOSED **Examiner Name** Mauro Jr., Thomas J. FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03) Number **CLAIMS AS** Claims Remaining **Highest Number** AMENDED Previously Paid For After Amendment Extra Calculations Rate **TOTAL CLAIMS** X \$ 18.00 = 0.00 28 = 0 28 INDEPENDENT 7 = 0 X \$ 86.00 =0.00 **CLAIMS** Since an Official Action set an original due date of February 21, 2004, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010)): If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$330.00) If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00) Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00) Total of above Calculations = 0.00 Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28) TOTAL FEES DUE = 0.00 (1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0". (2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20". RECEIVED (4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0". (5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3". FEB 2 7 2004 METHOD OF PAYMENT Check enclosed as payment. Technology Center 2100 Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below. No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically \boxtimes required to obtain a filing date). **GENERAL AUTHORIZATION** \boxtimes If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to: 19-3935 Deposit Account No. STAAS & HALSEY LLP Deposit Account Name The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under \boxtimes 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application. SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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